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SUBJ: GABON HOUSING GUARANTY PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY FULLY APPRECIATES THAT ACCORDING TO AID
HG POLICIES, SITES AND SERVICES MUST BE PART OF HG
PROGRAM. OUR QUERY (REF A) RE UNIT COST WAS DIRECTED,
HOWEVER, AT "OTHER PART" (I.E., NON SITES AND SERVICES)
OF PROGRAM WHETHER UNDER ONH OR SGAEI AUSPICES.

2. ARE WE TO INTERPRET SER/H RESPONSE (REF B) TO MEAN
THAT ALL RPT ALL OF DOLS 2.5 MILLION FOR ONH MUST BE
IN FORM OF SITES AND SERVICES? IF ONLY A PORTION OF
DOLS 2.5 MILLION TOTAL MUST BE SITES AND SERVICES,
WE STILL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT WOULD BE MAXIMUM
ACCEPTABLE COST FOR UNITS BUILT UNDER REMAINDER OF
GUARANTY TO ONH. EVEN IN CASE WHERE ENTIRE DOLS 2.5
MILLION WOULD HAVE TO GO FOR SITES AND SERVICES, AID
MUST STILL ENVISION CEILING FOR COST OF UNITS SUBSEQUENTLY
BUILT ON THOSE SITES. OTHERWISE, GABONESE COULD ACCEPT
SITES AND SERVICES BUT TURN AROUND AND CONSTRUCT HIGH
COST UNITS ON THE SITES.

3. FINALLY, IF ENTIRE ONH PORTION OF HG PROGRAM MUST BE
FOR SITES AND SERVICES AND WE COULD SOMEHOW GET GOG
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TO ACCEPT THIS, IS THE SGAEI PROPOSAL AS CURRENTLY OUT-

LINED WITHIN AID GUIDELINES AS TO UNIT COST?

4. FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THESE FIGURES AT OUR
FINGERTIPS WHEN WE HAVE NEXT DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG IN
ORDER BOTH TO LET GABONESE KNOW WE ARE EXPLORING ALL
ALTERNATIVES AND TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS.
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